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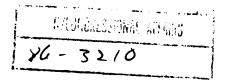
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Dear

Enclosed for your information are copies of letters from the Intelligence Committee leadership to the Speaker and the Republican Leader requesting a survey of classified information security practices in the House. Your efforts and those of the Agency's Office of Security to assist us on House clearance/access and information protection issues are much appreciated.

Sincerely,

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Honorable Thomas P. O'Neill, Jr. The Speaker U.S. House of Representatives Washington, D. C. 20515

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With best wishes,

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